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The same few people take up way too much air time and their comments aren't always useful. Not sure what we can do about this. The most frustrating was the vote on whether to ban bottled water. The young man gave an outstanding presentation and the way some of the folks shot it down - well, that was unbelievable. Sorry - I don't usually mind name deleted but her comments were way out of line. Same for some other folks.

Overall Town Meeting went well. I'm glad that I participated. It seemed like it was more difficult to be seen and recognized in the back of the hall. Also, a small number of speakers did a large amount of talking.

I think overall Fall TM flowed better. I think the current changes should remain and that the entire TM process continue to be reviewed to make it more efficient.

Thought I did that in the above spot

At times many TMM up to speak and therefore public attendance was not able to speak due to time TMM took and some were repeating others comments. I like receiving WARRANT in the mail as I take it with me when waiting for appointments or picking grandson up from school and other occasions.

I cast one vote unintentionally as a no when I was trying to cast a yes vote. It did not effect the outcome.

Give less time to citizen's petitions that deal with things way beyond the local level. Make sure the committees who are assigned to an article are correct and have all information prior to TM. Some articles should be included in discussions of predetermined Standing Committees and you do not assign them to those SC. SC should have all warrant info available prior to their regular meetings. Get rid of the roaming mike process... have folks go to mike near them or better yet, the two mikes in the front so members can continue to watch the front of the room. Departments should have the opportunity to make a short presentation to TM/public on any passed departments. This will also have less questions in the long run as well as a better prepared public. Open communication is an integral part of folks trusting their government and process of decisions. Also, doing business/ making announcements prior to the meeting is not appropriate and not fair to those who have other meetings prior to the start of TM. Folks also mentioned that TMM's should know in advance if there will not be food sold at the lobby of Town Hall any particular night. TMM's can then plan ahead. Departments need reps present to answer questions, or that article needs to be postponed. Additionally, departments need to be allowed to answer the specific questions asked. There should be less interruptions from the Moderator when a speaker is at podium. All TMM's, Committee representatives, Department heads, administration & Moderator and all must be treated with respect & appreciated.

Some of the speakers don't speak into the microphones.

Bah, Humbug

I believe it went very smoothly.

Sometimes a hand vote would be quicker. We shouldn't use the clickers so often.

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Again, thank you so much for participating.

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Town Moderator